

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace par. [0041] with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 1 illustrates a networked computer system 100 that incorporates one embodiment of the invention. The networked computer system 100 includes a computer 101 that incorporates a CPU 103, a memory 105, and a network interface 107. The network interface 107 provides the computer 101 with access to a network 109 over a network connection 108. The computer 101 also includes an I/O interface 111 that can be connected to a user interface device(s) 113, a storage system 115, and a removable-media data device 117. The removable-media data device 117 can read a computer readable media 119 that typically contains a program product 121. The storage system 115 (along with the removable-media data device 117) and the computer readable media 119 comprise a file storage mechanism. The program product 121 on the computer readable media 119 is generally read into the memory 105 as a program 123. ~~In addition, the program product 121, or updates to same, can be provided from the network as computer instruction signals embodied in a transmission medium (with or without a carrier wave upon which the signals are modulated or other data transporting technology—including light, radio, and electronic signaling) through the network interface 107.~~ One skilled in the art will understand that a device in communication with the computer 101 can also be connected to the network 109 through the network interface 107 using the computer 101.

Please replace par. [0127] with the following amended paragraph:

One skilled in the art will understand that the network transmits information (such as the previously described data as well as data that defines a computer program). Generally, the information is embodied within a carrier-wave. The term "carrier-wave" includes electromagnetic signals, visible or invisible light

pulses, signals on a data bus, or signals transmitted over any wire, wireless, or optical fiber technology that allows information to be transmitted over a network. Programs and data are commonly read from ~~both~~ tangible physical media (such as a compact, floppy, or magnetic disk) ~~and from a network. Thus, the network, like a tangible physical media, is a computer usable data carrier.~~